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SUBJECT: ALLON ON RUSSIA AND MID EAST

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1. WE NOW HAVE FULL TEXT OF MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS DEC 26 BY FONMIN ALLON TO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MID-EAST AT SHILOSH INSTITUTE OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY. HE CRITICIZED SOVIET UNION FOR UNBALANCED POSTURE IN MID EAST BUT WELCOMED POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS. FOLLOWING IS RELEVANT PORTION OF TEXT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE SOVIET UNION IS CONNECTED WITH ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE DISPUTE, AND EVEN WITHIN THE ARAB CAMP SHE PREFERENCES THE MOST EXTREME AND OBSTINATE ELEMENTS. I DOUBT WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION IS REALLY INTERESTED IN A RENEWED CONFLAGRATION IN THE AREA, FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF HER
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OWN GLOBAL CONSIDERATIONS. HOWEVER, HER BEHAVIOR SO FAR

SUGGESTS THAT SHE IS NOT GENUINELY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISH-
ING TRUE PEACE.

3. SO LONG AS THE SOVIET UNION CONTINUES THIS PARTISAN
POLICY, SHE IS NOT ABLE AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FULFILL A
POSITIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING PEACE IN THE AREA. ISRAEL DOES
NOT OPPOSE THE SOVIET UNION AS SUCH. WE STILL REMEMBER
THE VITAL MILITARY AND POLITICAL AID WHICH THE SOVIET
UNION GRANTED US IN THE BITTER DAYS OF THE WAR OF INDEPEND-
ENCE. BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT HER PRECIPITATION AGAINST US
AND THE STANCE SHE ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY ADOPTS, IN SUPPORT
OF OUR ENEMIES. LIKE AMANY OTHERS, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS
ABOUT THE SOVIET REGIME, AND ARE DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THE
RULERS' TREATMENT OF OUR BROTHERS IN THEIR COUNTRY.
BUT THIS IS NOTHING NEW, AND IS IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

4. IF I BELIEVED THAT A CALL BY ISRAEL WOULD ENCOURAGE
MOSCOW AND THE NATIONS OF EAST EUROPE TO RENEW THEIR
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, I WOULD ISSUE ONE WITHOUT HESITATION,
EVEN FROM THIS ROSTRUM. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I SUSPECT,
AND WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS NOT BASED ON PURE GUESS-WORK,
SUCH AN APPROACH IS NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED AT THIS MOMENT.
THE SOVIET UNION KNOWS VERY WELL THAT OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO
RENEWAL OF RELATIONS WITH HER, DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES
WHICH THAT WOULD ENTAIL. END QUOTE.
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